of Andhra Pradesh. The year-wise and district-wise details of exploratory and development wells drilled are as follows:—

District	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		Total 1999-2002	
	Expl.	Dev.	Expl	Dev.	Expl.	Dev.	Expl.	Dev.
East Godavari	16	3	13	6	11	7	40	16
West Godavari	3	-	4	-	4	-	11	-
Krishna	1	-	2	-	7	-	10	-
TOTAL	20	3	19	6	22	7	61	16

Expl.: Exploratory
Dev.: Development

(c) ONGC's current production crude oil and natural gas from these wells is 415 Tonne Per day and 1.93 Million Standard Cubic Meter Per day (MMSCMD) respectively.

Strategic oil reserve

697. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the measures proposed to build a strategic oil reserve of six months to a year to completely insulate the country from any eventuality like war?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): Government is considering to provide strategic tankage for crude oil gradually in phases with a view to achieve a total of 45 days' cover. The Ministry has received the Detailed Feasibility Reports for underground concrete storage tanks and underground rock caverns for the storage of crude oil. No final decision has been taken as yet.

Export of petroleum products

698. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Exported 7.15 million tonne (MT) of petroleum products during the first nine months of financial year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the total amount earned by these exports;

(c) what was the total imports of crude oil made by India during this period;

(d) what was the domestic crude oil production during this period; and

(e) what steps are being taken to improve the exports of Indian petroleum products and also to reduce the import of crude Oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The value of export of petroleum products during first nine months of current financial year was Rs. 5,917 crore.

(c) During this period a quantity of 58.49 million metric tonnes of crude oil was imported.

(d) During this period the domestic crude oil production was 22.21 million metric tonnes.

(e) Primarily, refineries are producing petroleum products for domestic consumption. Only when domestic market is not able to absorb the refinery production, which includes the following:

(i) to improve the recovery factor from existing major fields by implementing Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/ Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) schemes.

(ii) to increase exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

(iii) to attract technology and investment, PSCs for 9 discovered fields, 8 in Gujarat and 1 in Assam, were signed on 23.2.2001 with consortia of India and foreign companies.

(iv) to explore in new areas especially in deep water and difficult frontier areas, as also explore in the deeper layers of the producing fields.

(v) to develop faster the newly discovered fields and to step up the use of new technologies for seismic surveys, work over, stimulation operations, drilling of wells etc. in producing areas.